Amendments to the Claims: This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Replaceable~~ A ~~cartridge~~ filtering jug for use with a replaceable filter cartridge, comprising:

a vessel for containing water requiring filtration, said vessel being separate from the replaceable filter cartridge; ~~and~~

a vessel for the collection of filtered water, the vessels being connected through the replaceable filter cartridge; and ~~cartridge, as well as~~

means for counting the filtering cycles performed by the replaceable filter cartridge to determine the exhaustion state of the replaceable filter cartridge, the counting means ~~comprise~~ comprising at least one float level detector ~~associated with~~disposed within one of the vessels and capable of generating at least one counting signal fed to the counting means as a consequence of the corresponding water level being reached within the associated vessel, the counting means being separate from the replaceable filter cartridge.

2. (Previously Presented) The filtering jug according to claim 1 in which the level detector comprises at least one proximity sensor which senses the position of the float.

3. (Previously Presented) The filtering jug according to claim 2 in which the at least one proximity sensor comprises a switch.

4. (Previously Presented) The filtering jug according to claim 3 in which the switch is of the reed, hall and/or magneto-resistant type and the float has a magnetic stop which is able to cooperate together with the switch.

5. (Previously Presented) The filtering jug according to claim 1 in which the float is housed in a compensation chamber communicating with the associated vessel through a gauged opening.

6. (Previously Presented) The filtering jug according to claim 5 in which the float is guided within the compensation chamber.

7. (Previously Presented) The filtering jug according to claim 1 in which the float is mounted at one end of a hinged arm whose opposite extremity is hinged on the associated vessel.

8. (Previously Presented) The filtering jug according to claim 1 in which the level detector comprises a plurality of sensors located at rising levels within the associated vessel.

9. (Previously Presented) The filtering jug according to claim 2 in which the float is housed in a compensation chamber communicating with the associated vessel through a gauged opening.

10. (Previously Presented) The filtering jug according to claim 3 in which the float is housed in a compensation chamber communicating with the associated vessel through a gauged opening.

11. (Previously Presented) The filtering jug according to claim 4 in which the float is housed in a compensation chamber communicating with the associated vessel through a gauged opening.

12. (Previously Presented) The filtering jug according to claim 2 in which the float is mounted at one end of a hinged arm whose opposite extremity is hinged on the associated vessel.

13. (Previously Presented) The filtering jug according to claim 3 in which the float is mounted at one end of a hinged arm whose opposite extremity is hinged on the associated vessel.

14. (Previously Presented) The filtering jug according to claim 4 in which the float is mounted at one end of a hinged arm whose opposite extremity is hinged on the associated vessel.

15. (Previously Presented) The filtering jug according to claim 2 in which the level detector comprises a plurality of sensors located at rising levels within the associated vessel.

16. (Previously Presented) The filtering jug according to claim 3 in which the level detector comprises a plurality of sensors located at rising levels within the associated vessel.

17. (Previously Presented) The filtering jug according to claim 4 in which the level detector comprises a plurality of sensors located at rising levels within the associated vessel.

18. (Previously Presented) The filtering jug according to claim 5 in which the level detector comprises a plurality of sensors located at rising levels within the associated vessel.

19. (Previously Presented) The filtering jug according to claim 6 in which the level detector comprises a plurality of sensors located at rising levels within the associated vessel.

20. (Previously Presented) The filtering jug according to claim 7 in which the level detector comprises a plurality of sensors located at rising levels within the associated vessel.

21. (Previously Presented) The filtering jug according to claim 1, wherein counting signals are summed by a calculating unit which generates a display indicating the state of exhaustion of the cartridge.

22. (Previously Presented) The filtering jug according to claim 21, wherein the calculating unit is disposed in a lid of the filtering jug.